Since the origination of UH's lease of the Maunakea Science Reserve in 1968, UH and developers have been responsible for numerous, significant, and cumulative negative impacts to the natural and cultural resources of the mountain. These include destruction of critical habitat, facilitation of invasive species, irreparable destruction to sacred sites, and numerous visible blights to the landscape that have a dominating presence and change the spirit of the summit area.

I feel that the State BLNR has failed the people of Hawaii by repeatedly permitting continual development and degradation of the resources in this area. I do not see the logic in offering these prime lands to UH for a dollar a year lease while they continue to destroy it. To me this represents corruption and extreme conflicts of interest. The lands of the Maunakea Science reserve were seized from the Kingdom of Hawaii and were to be held in public trust as CONSERVATION lands for the people of Hawaii. I do not think the people of Hawaii are well serve by the continual development t of their most sacred site with no direct compensation.

UH is a party to this corruption because it is the main beneficiary. It perpetuates this injustice by railroading development projects through the faulty State BLNR. Any further development would be unjust, irresponsible and immoral and should not be supported by a school as prestigious as UH.

Me ke aloha aina,
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